Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance

In accordance with Section 299.80, Wisconsin Statutes, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has decided to enter into negotiations on an Environmental Cooperative Agreement with:

Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) Blount Generating Station 717 E. Wilson Street Madison, Wisconsin 53703

to promote superior environmental performance and encourage public participation among interested persons affected by the activities at this facility. Other goals of this pilot program include encouraging a systematic assessment of environmental impacts from this facility and working toward pollution reduction in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

As part of this agreement MGE is proposing to increase the amount of alternative (non-fossil) fuels used to generate electricity and reduce the amount of mercury waste potentially discharged into the environment.

Pursuant to sec. 299.80(6)(a), Wis. Stats., the DNR has prepared a draft Cooperative Agreement. Specific information on this draft Cooperative Agreement can be accessed via the Internet at:

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cea/ecpp/agreements/index.htm

or can be obtained by contacting John Shenot, DNR Project Manager, at (608)267-0802 or Michael Ricciardi, MGE Director of Safety and Environmental Affairs, at (608)252-5627.

For the Secretary:	
/s/ Mark McDermid	July 24, 2001
Mark McDermid, Director	Date
Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance	